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**In re patent application of:**

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**For:** RECLOSABLE FASTENERS FOR PLASTICS BAGS AND OTHER CONTAINERS

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 3, in which a layer of sealant material is co-extruded on to each rib.

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**REMARKS**

Early consideration and allowance of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested.

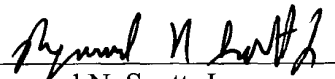
Claims 1-4 remain in this application. Claim 5 has been amended.

The claim has been amended to remove a multiple dependency and to otherwise conform with U.S. claim practice. No new matter has been entered.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In the claims:**

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 3 [or 4], in which a layer of sealant material is co-extruded on to each rib.